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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 8/1, 13, 18/13, and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7, 8/7, 9-12, 14-17, and 18/17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been:
1. ☒ received.
2. ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) ____.
3. ☐ received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 14) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 17) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 15) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 18) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 16) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ 19) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 8/1, 13, 18/13, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirano et al. (U.S. 5,553,277).

Regarding Claims 1, 13, and 19, Hirano teaches, an application menu selecting and activating method using an image cognition, comprising the steps of: recognizing a pattern position by a pattern cognition per predetermined time period (Column 7, Lines 52-58, Image compression is done following original image input in a short period of time); selecting a menu when the recognized pattern position is within a certain pattern region containing predetermined menus; and activating the selected menu (Column 8, Lines 59-65); determining a pattern position on a screen by scanning a predetermined pattern region (Column 7, Lines 22-26); and further comprising: a camera for capturing an image (Column 7, Line 22); and a display means for displaying the image received from the camera (Figure 15, Item 143d), designating a particular region of the externally applied image, and selecting a required menu when a pattern is positioned on a corresponding region (Column 4, Lines 23-36, discusses image parts to be processed),

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limitation of Claim 8/1, and 18/13, the recognizing of the pattern position is performed on the ground of one of the two different patterns, and the activating of the menu is performed on the ground of the other of the two different patterns (Column 12, Lines 40-45, Item 146a is the ground of one pattern and 146b is the ground of the other).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-7, 8/7, 9-12, 14-17, and 18/17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Other prior art cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 5,617,312 to Iura et al. is cited for computer system that enters control information by means of video camera.

U.S. Patent 5,454,043 to Freeman is cited for dynamic and static hand gesture recognition through low-level image analysis.

U.S. Patent 5,319,747 to Gerrissen et al. is cited for data processing system using gesture-based input data.

Contact information

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306-5916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Boudreau, can be reached at (703) 305-4706.

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